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Key Findings

5,317

Number of **ILLINOIS**
grantmaking foundations

\$39 Billion

Assets of **ILLINOIS** foundations

\$3.8 B

Record level of
ILLINOIS
foundation
giving



20%

Share of general
operating support
to **ILLINOIS**

Top funding priorities in **ILLINOIS**



Education

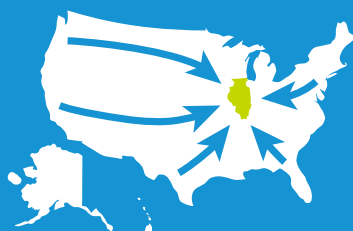


Human Services



54%

Share of **ILLINOIS**
foundation giving
accounted for by
Cook County
grantmakers



\$503.5 Million

Giving by non-Illinois
foundations to **ILLINOIS**
recipients

The Illinois Foundation Community

Illinois is home to over 5,300 grantmaking foundations spanning all types—independent or family, corporate, community, and operating—sizes, and issue areas. The community includes many foundations that only give locally or within the state, as well as those that fund nationally and even internationally. The following analysis provides an overview of the scale and composition of the Illinois foundation community and an examination of how Illinois foundations have fared relative to U.S. foundations in general over the past decade.

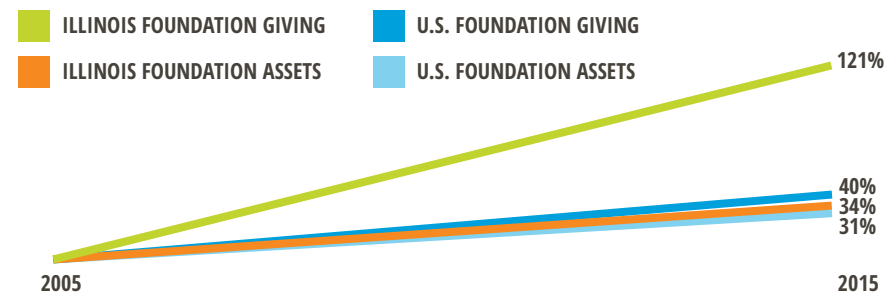
Growth in Illinois foundation giving outpaces U.S. foundations overall

Illinois foundation giving reached a record \$3.8 billion in 2015, more than doubling since 2005. (Adjusted for inflation, giving rose 121 percent.) By comparison, giving by U.S. foundations overall rose 72 percent during this period (or 40 percent after inflation). The Illinois foundation community has shown annual growth in giving every year during the past decade. By comparison, total U.S. foundation giving declined by just over 2 percent in 2009, following the double-digit loss in foundation assets that resulted from the Great Recession.

Illinois foundation assets reach peak levels

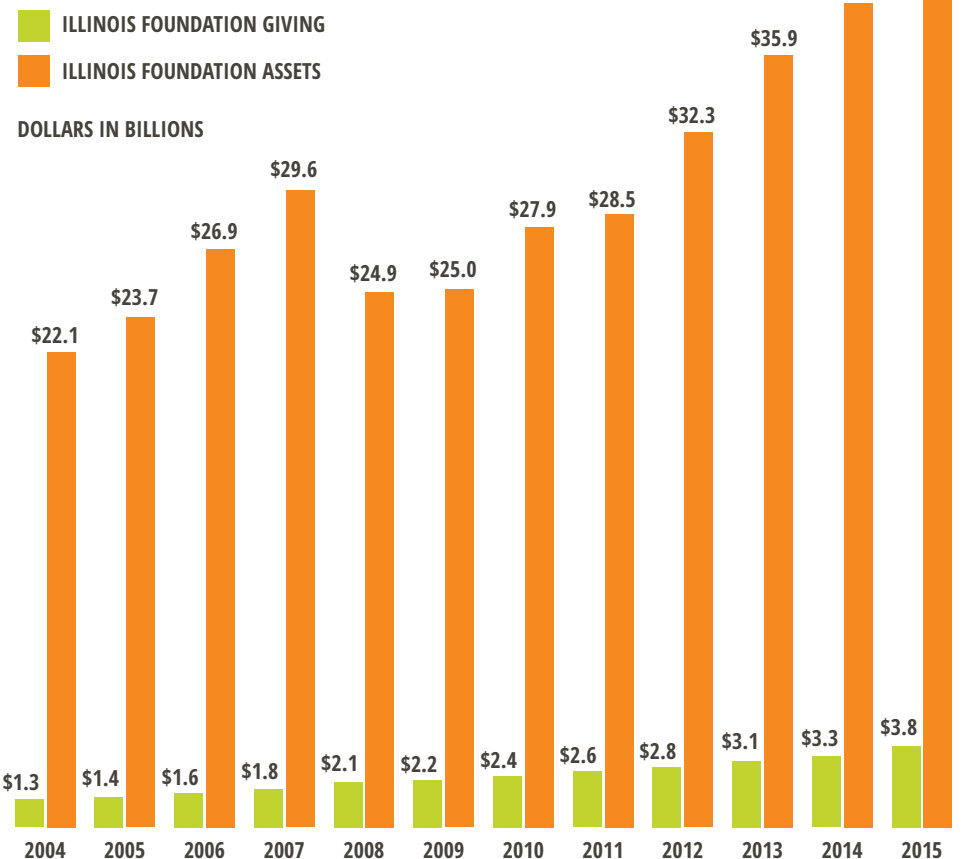
Illinois foundations experienced some growth in assets in 2015, with an increase of 2 percent. Assets of Illinois foundations have grown slightly faster than the national average over the past decade (65 percent versus 62 percent, or 34 percent versus 31 percent when adjusted for inflation).

Illinois Foundation Giving and Assets Grew Faster than U.S. Foundations Between 2005 and 2015



Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017. Figures based on inflation-adjusted dollars.

Illinois Foundation Giving and Assets Reached Record \$3.8 Billion and \$39 Billion in 2015



Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017. Figures based on unadjusted dollars.

Independent and family foundations account for the majority of Illinois foundations and resources

Nine out of 10 foundations in Illinois are independent or family foundations, including the state's largest foundation by assets—the Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. They are also responsible for the majority of foundation giving and assets. Nonetheless, the North Chicago-based Abbvie Patient Assistance Foundation (formerly the Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation), an operating foundation, was by far the largest Illinois foundation by giving in 2015. The foundation is one of roughly a dozen operating foundations nationally created by pharmaceutical manufacturers for the purpose of distributing medications to patients with financial hardships¹. Excluding this foundation, Illinois operating foundations would account for less than 1 percent of giving by grantmakers in the state.

Illinois foundation giving is concentrated among the top 10 funders

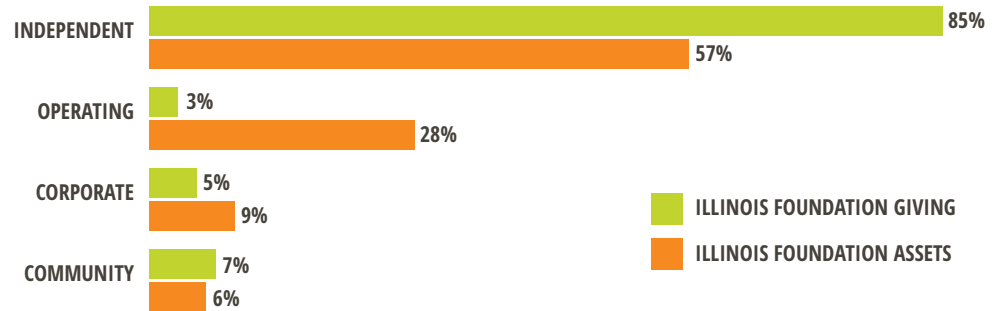
Consistent with patterns across the country, the top 10 Illinois foundations by giving accounted for nearly half (49 percent) of 2015 grant dollars. For the top 10 by assets, the share was a smaller but still substantial 33.8 percent. More than half of the top foundations by giving and all but two of the top foundations by assets were located in Cook County.

Summary Statistics for Illinois Grantmaking Foundations by Type, 2015

TYPE	NO. FDNS	%	ASSETS	%	TOTAL GIVING	%	GIFTS RECEIVED	%
INDEPENDENT	4,971	93.5	\$32,985,062,422	84.4	\$2,162,362,072	57.0	\$1,230,681,237	44.0
COMMUNITY	26	0.5	2,816,930,668	7.2	231,878,949	6.1	316,822,198	11.3
CORPORATE	160	3.0	1,986,975,600	5.1	336,595,973	8.9	353,303,298	12.6
OPERATING	160	3.0	1,294,647,272	3.3	1,061,515,616	28.0	894,155,769	32.0
TOTAL	5,317	100.0	\$39,083,615,962	100.0	\$3,792,352,610	100.0	\$2,794,962,502	100.0

Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017. Figures exclude Illinois foundations that did not report grants in the latest fiscal year.

Independents Accounted for the Majority of Illinois Foundation Giving and Assets in 2015



Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017.

Top 10 Illinois Foundations by Total Giving, 2015

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TYPE ¹	TOTAL GIVING
1 Abbvie Patient Assistance Foundation	North Chicago	Lake	OP	\$1,024,906,215
2 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$256,573,478
3 The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	CM	\$198,079,941
4 Howard G. Buffett Foundation	Decatur	Macon	IN	\$142,187,400
5 The Grainger Foundation	Lake Forest	Lake	CS	\$64,207,802
6 Caterpillar Foundation	Peoria	Peoria	CS	\$48,121,171
7 Arie and Ida Crown Memorial	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$40,159,769
8 The Joyce Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$38,660,723
9 Bobolink Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$34,422,500
10 The Spencer Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$28,664,059

Top 10 Illinois Foundations by Assets, 2015

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TYPE ¹	ASSETS
1 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$6,196,280,734
2 Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	CM	\$2,280,193,218
3 Joyce Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$919,082,291
4 Arie and Ida Crown Memorial	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$856,497,679
5 Terra Foundation for American Art	Chicago	Cook	OP	\$563,655,091
6 Spencer Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$537,487,478
7 Circle of Service Foundation	Vernon Hills	Lake	IN	\$498,637,066
8 Pritzker Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$482,521,507
9 Polk Bros. Foundation	Chicago	Cook	IN	\$446,769,072
10 The Grainger Foundation	Lake Forest	Lake	CS	\$403,350,890

Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017. 1 IN = Independent; CM = Community; CS = Corporate; OP = Operating

Illinois corporate foundations account for 9 percent of grant dollars

Illinois corporate foundations reported total giving of \$337 million in 2015, with the Grainger Foundation at the top of the list. Corporate foundations' 8.7 percent share of overall Illinois foundation giving was slightly more than the 8.8 percent share recorded nationally. While a total of 160 Illinois corporate foundations made grants in the latest year, giving was extremely concentrated among the largest funders. Nearly 70 percent of Illinois corporate foundation giving was provided by just the top 10 grantmakers.

Foundations in Cook County and surrounding areas control the majority of resources

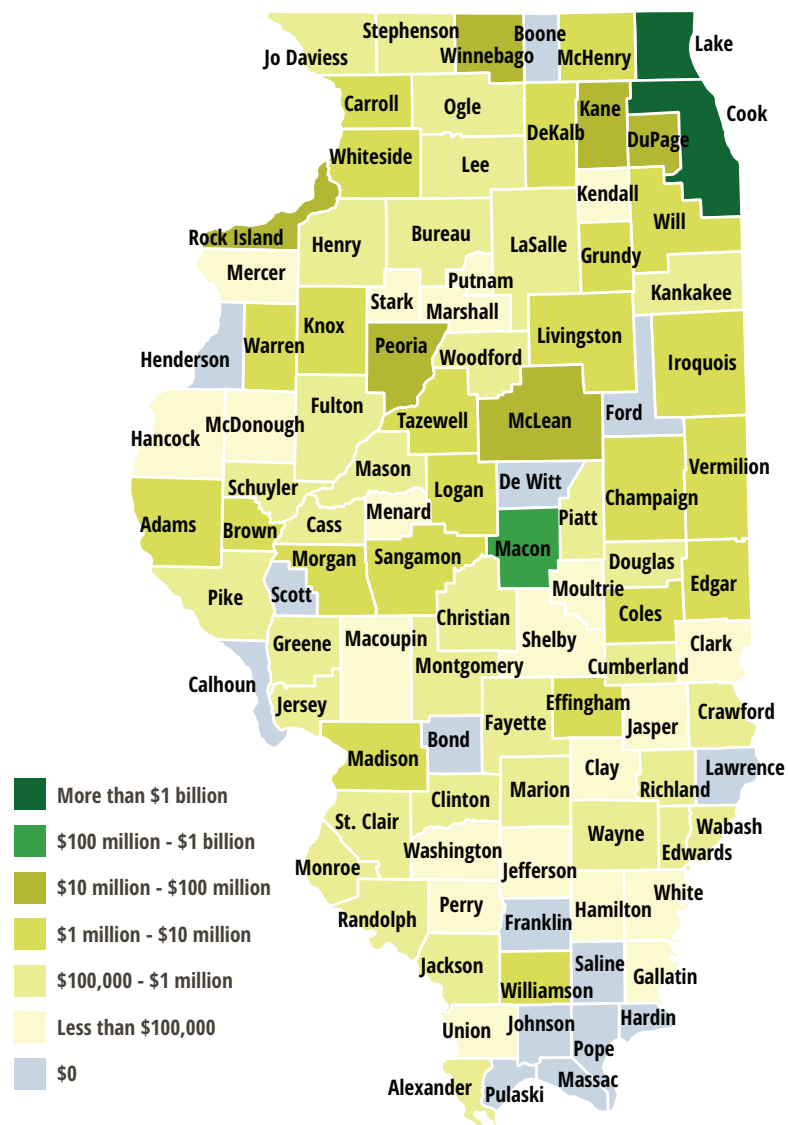
Grantmaking foundations were located in the vast majority of Illinois counties (92 out of 102), but over 95 percent of the giving was accounted for by funders in just five counties. First among these was Cook County, which alone represented over half of total giving by Illinois foundations in 2015. If neighboring Lake county is included, the share rises to 88 percent.

Top 10 Illinois Corporate Foundations by Total Giving, 2015

	FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL GIVING
1	The Grainger Foundation	Lake Forest	Lake	\$64,207,802
2	Caterpillar Foundation	Peoria	Peoria	\$48,121,171
3	The Allstate Foundation	Northbrook	Cook	\$22,073,457
4	Illinois Tool Works Foundation	Glenview	Cook	\$16,495,322
5	Motorola Solutions Foundation	Schaumburg	Cook	\$16,325,760
6	John Deere Foundation	Moline	Rock Island	\$14,779,330
7	Abbvie Foundation	North Chicago	Lake	\$13,308,332
8	Abbott Fund	Abbott Park	Lake	\$11,420,768
9	State Farm Companies Foundation	Bloomington	McLean	\$10,612,487
10	Dunard Fund USA	Northbrook	Cook	\$9,321,056

Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017.

Foundations Based in Cook County Accounted for Over Half of Illinois Foundation Giving in 2015



1. Land, works of art, medication, and other non-cash items that are assigned a monetary value can be counted toward a foundation's "total giving."

Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017.

Illinois Community Foundations

Illinois is home to 26 grantmaking community foundations, a number surpassing most states. Although, this total falls well below the counts reported in nearby Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan². This set of Illinois foundations also accounted for a smaller share of overall giving compared to community foundations nationally (6.1 percent versus 9.9 percent). Most of these foundations are quite small, with all but twelve reporting grants totaling less than \$1 million in 2015.

Collectively, Illinois community foundations held \$2.8 billion in assets and gave \$232 million in 2015. The top 10 Illinois community foundations accounted for 97 percent of 2015 grant dollars, led by The Chicago Community Trust, which alone accounted for 85 percent with \$198 million in total giving in 2015. Similarly, the top 10 foundations by assets also accounted for most assets (95 percent) held by Illinois community foundations.

Education, arts and culture, and human services are the top priorities of Illinois community foundations. More than four-fifths of all community foundations fund some type of education related activities, while most also fund arts and culture and human services (71.9 percent and 68.8 percent respectively).

2. In addition, six Illinois community foundations reported no giving in their latest fiscal year. Figures also exclude separately named "community foundations" that are legally part of other community foundations. separately named "community foundations" that are legally part of other community foundations.

Top 10 Illinois Community Foundations by Total Giving, 2015

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL GIVING
1 The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	\$198,079,941
2 Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation	Effingham	Effingham	\$5,484,908
3 Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley	Aurora	Kane	\$5,364,983
4 The DuPage Community Foundation	Wheaton	DuPage	\$3,598,673
5 Community Foundation of Northern Illinois	Rockford	Winnebago	\$2,727,286
6 DeKalb County Community Foundation (IL)	Sycamore	DeKalb	\$2,615,936
7 The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County	Decatur	Macon	\$2,615,010
8 Oak Park/River Forest Community Foundation	Oak Park	Cook	\$1,800,586
9 Evanston Community Foundation	Evanston	Cook	\$1,423,777
10 Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln	Springfield	Sangamon	\$1,289,668

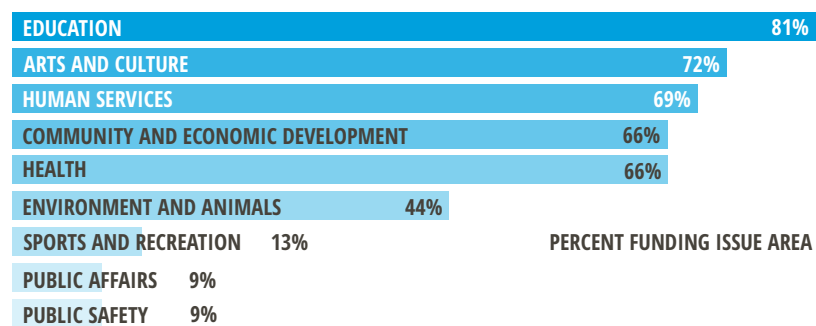
Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017.

Top 10 Illinois Community Foundations by Assets, 2015

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	ASSETS
1 The Chicago Community Trust	Chicago	Cook	\$2,280,193,218
2 Community Foundation of Northern Illinois	Rockford	Winnebago	87,417,720
3 Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley	Aurora	Kane	71,532,364
4 The DuPage Community Foundation	Wheaton	DuPage	62,815,765
5 DeKalb County Community Foundation (IL)	Sycamore	DeKalb	44,714,186
6 The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County	Decatur	Macon	30,508,901
7 Oak Park/River Forest Community Foundation	Oak Park	Cook	28,835,797
8 Community Foundation of the Quincy Area	Quincy	Adams	28,429,479
9 Community Foundation of Central Illinois	Peoria	Peoria	28,108,908
10 Galesburg Community Foundation	Galesburg	Knox	23,863,317

Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017.

Education, Arts and Culture, and Human Services Are Top Priorities of Illinois-based Community Foundations



Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017. Based on fields of interest of Illinois-based community foundations. Some foundations may have multiple fields of interest. Only includes priority areas representing more than 5 percent.

Illinois Public Foundations

Public foundations, or grantmaking public charities, are similar to community foundations in that they both raise money from the public and serve as grantmakers. Unlike community foundations, however, their giving is typically defined by specific issue areas rather than geographic areas. Foundation Center currently tracks 653 Illinois public charities that indicate having a grantmaking program and accepting unsolicited proposals. Examples include the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, which operates several scholarship programs aimed at building Jewish identity; the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, which seeks to improve social and economic environments, encourage discussion of issues affecting the nation, enhance American education, and stimulate responsible citizenship in the Chicago area; and the Chicago Foundation for Women, which raises and distributes funds to provide opportunities and promote solutions for issues facing women and girls.

Collectively, Illinois public foundations held \$37.6 billion in assets and gave \$4.2 billion in 2015. The top 10 Illinois public foundations accounted for more than 80 percent of 2015 grant dollars, led by Feeding America, with \$2.1 billion in total giving. For the top 10 by assets, the share was a smaller but still substantial 62.5 percent.

Health, education, and human services are the top priorities of Illinois public foundations. Roughly one-third of Illinois public foundations fund health (35.4) and education (32.2), while a quarter fund human services-related activities (24.5).

Top 10 Illinois Public Foundations by Total Giving, 2015

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL GIVING
1 Feeding America	Chicago	Cook	\$2,104,916,913
2 Big Ten Conference	Park Ridge	Cook	411,344,107
3 The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	Evanston	Cook	228,498,915
4 University of Illinois Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	193,126,427
5 National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources	Galesburg	Knox	94,458,698
6 Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago	Chicago	Cook	94,192,214
7 Northwestern Medical Facility	Chicago	Cook	91,165,235
8 Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago	Chicago	Cook	79,924,788
9 Greater Chicago Food Depository	Chicago	Cook	68,139,444
10 Mason Point	Sullivan	Moultrie	66,655,600

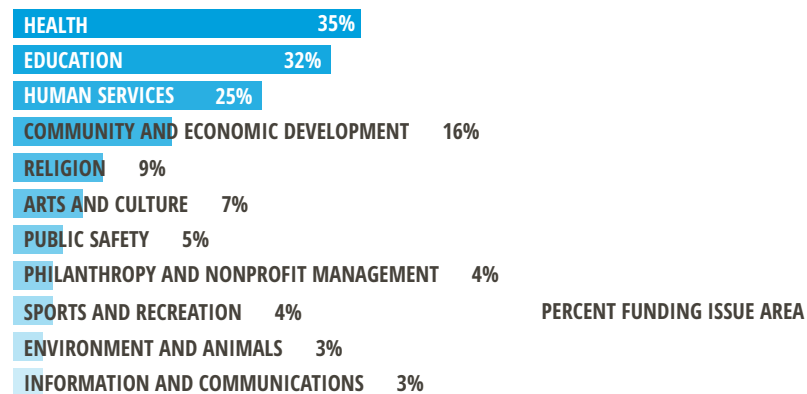
Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017.

Top 10 Illinois Public Foundations by Assets, 2015

FOUNDATION NAME	CITY	COUNTY	ASSETS
1 Advocate Christ Hospital	Oak Lawn	Cook	\$6,707,693,122
2 OSF Healthcare System	Peoria	Peoria	3,078,467,872
3 Rush University Medical Center	Chicago	Cook	2,998,176,768
4 Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago	Chicago	Cook	2,206,437,422
5 University of Illinois Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	1,997,071,323
6 The Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	Cook	1,504,588,725
7 Carle Foundation	Urbana	Champaign	1,463,428,117
8 Robert R. McCormick Foundation	Chicago	Cook	1,251,839,102
9 Wheaton Franciscan Services	Wheaton	Dupage	1,192,021,587
10 The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	Evanston	Cook	1,073,589,879

Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017.

Health, Education, and Human Services Are Top Priorities of Illinois-based Public Foundations



Source: Giving in Illinois, 2017. Based on fields of interest of Illinois-based community foundations. Some foundations may have multiple fields of interest. Only includes priority areas representing more than 5 percent.

Illinois State Spending Dwarfs Foundation Giving

Because the primary role of most private and community foundations is to provide funding, the public often overestimates their charitable resources. In fact, the vast majority of private giving each year (approximately 80 percent) comes from individuals. Foundations are also sometimes seen as having the resources to fill government budget gaps, especially in difficult economic times. Yet compared to government expenditures,

foundation giving represents a small fraction of the total. For example, while Illinois foundations provided giving totaling \$3.8 billion in 2015, the Illinois state budget General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2015 totaled nearly \$30 billion and the budget deficit for the state in 2015 was estimated at \$125.3 billion.¹

1. See State of Illinois Office of the Auditor General Summary Report

ILLINOIS STATE BUDGET GENERAL REVENUE FUND

\$28.9 BILLION

FEDERAL DOLLARS TO ILLINOIS

\$14.4 BILLION

ILLINOIS FOUNDATION GIVING

\$3.8 BILLION

Source: Giving in Illinois, 2016. Figures on Illinois state government expenditures and federal spending from State Expenditure Report-Examining Fiscal 2013-2015 State Spending. See nasbo.org/sites/default/files/State%20Expenditure%20Report%20%28Fiscal%202013-2015%29S.pdf.

Individual Giving

Foundations represent only one source of charitable support. Across the country, individuals provide 71 percent of private contributions, far surpassing foundations and corporations.¹ In Illinois, individuals gave \$7.8 billion in 2013—well over twice the amount provided by private foundations that year.² However, if religious giving were excluded, foundations would account for a far larger share of total giving by Illinois donors

1. Giving USA Foundation, Giving USA 2015, ed. by M. McKittrick, Indianapolis, IN: Giving USA Foundation, 2015. If bequest giving were included, the overall share of giving accounted for by individuals would rise to about 80 percent.

2. IRS, 2016.

The Focus of Illinois Foundation Giving

U.S. foundations provide critical support in Illinois, with grants targeting activities ranging from the performing arts to education reform to medical research. The following analysis examines grantmaking in the state of Illinois based on giving by a sample of the nation's largest foundations. (For more details see "About the Grants Set.")

The majority of grants awarded by Illinois foundations stay in Illinois

The Illinois foundation community is comprised of local, regional, national, and international funders, and a substantial share of their giving is directed to recipients based outside of the state. Nonetheless, of the more than 8,300 grants awarded by sampled Illinois foundations in 2015, over half (53.6 percent) targeted recipient organizations in the state.

In contrast, close to two-fifths (39.2 percent) of the \$1.3 billion awarded by sampled Illinois foundations supported Illinois organizations. However, if smaller Illinois foundations (which are more likely to be local funders) were included in the sample, these shares would undoubtedly be higher.

Although more than half of the grants awarded by Illinois foundations went to recipients within the state in 2015, by share of dollars over half (56.7 percent) were awarded to organizations based in other parts of the country. The largest shares were directed to New York (10.8 percent) and California (8.1 percent), which are home to many national and international organizations. The remaining 4 percent of their giving supported organizations located outside of the United States. The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur

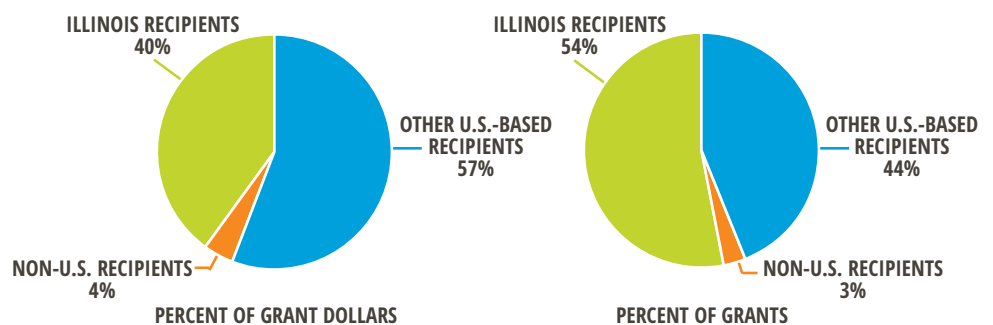
Foundation ranked as the largest Illinois-based cross-border funder in 2015, followed by the Alphawood Foundation.

Illinois grantmakers account for over half of foundation support in the state

Illinois-based foundations provided just over 50 percent of grant dollars

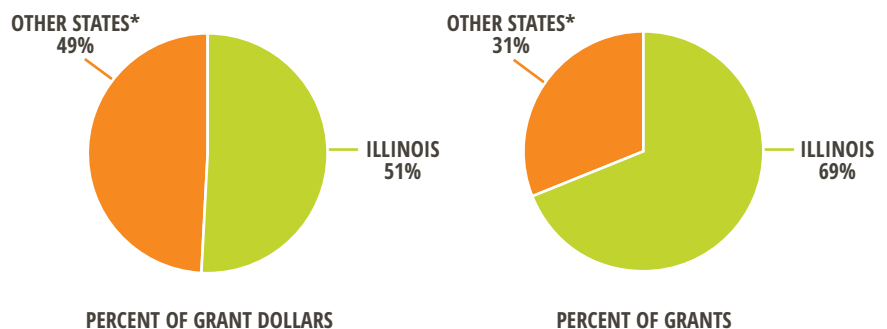
received by Illinois organizations in 2015. The Chicago Community Trust provided the most grant dollars among this group, followed by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. By number of grants, Illinois funders represented a much larger 68.8 percent share. As noted above, the inclusion of smaller Illinois foundations in the sample would undoubtedly raise these shares.

Majority of Illinois Foundation Grants Stay in Illinois



Source: Giving in Illinois, 2016. Based on circa 2014 grants awarded by Illinois foundations. Includes all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a sample of 55 larger Illinois foundations.

Illinois Grantmakers Account for Over Half of Foundation Support in Illinois



Source: Giving in Illinois, 2016. Based on circa 2014 grants awarded by U.S. foundations in the sample to recipient organizations in Illinois. Includes all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 419 larger U.S. foundations, including 50 Illinois foundations.

The remaining 49.5 percent of grant dollars for Illinois recipients in 2015 was awarded by 350 non-Illinois foundations. Their support totaled \$504 million. The Silicon Valley Community Foundation ranked first among all funders in grant dollars awarded to Illinois with \$33 million. By comparison, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation reported the most grants awarded in the state that year of any non-Illinois foundation.

Top 25 funders in Illinois provide more than half of grant dollars

The largest grantmakers for each state generally account for the majority of giving, and Illinois was no exception. In 2015, the 25 largest funders of organizations in the state accounted for 56.9 percent of overall grant dollars. This group included 13 Illinois-based foundations. Nonetheless, giving for Illinois recipients was far less concentrated among the largest funders compared to neighboring states. For example, the 25 largest funders of Wisconsin recipients in 2015 accounted for 77 percent of grant dollars, while the top 25 funders of recipients in Indiana provided more than 90 percent of overall foundation support.

Education, human services, and community and economic development represent top funding priorities in Illinois

Foundations provided more than one-third of their 2015 giving in Illinois for education (38.7 percent) and also more than one-third for human services (17.8 percent) and community and economic development (17.2 percent) combined. Within education,

Foundation Giving in Illinois by Subject, 2015

SUBJECT	AMOUNT	%	NO. GRANTS	%
AGRICULTURE, FISHING, AND FORESTRY	61,331,994	6.0	54	0.8
ARTS AND CULTURE				
Arts (Multipurpose)	17,336,337	1.7	192	2.9
Historical Activities	4,106,378	0.4	60	0.9
Humanities	6,767,457	0.7	66	1.0
Museums	36,298,339	3.6	287	4.4
Performing Arts	42,883,668	4.2	665	10.2
Visual Arts	5,532,898	0.5	84	1.3
Other Arts	16,455,112	1.6	165	2.5
Total Arts and Culture	117,264,670	11.6	1,314	20.1
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Community Improvement	35,570,284	3.5	198	3.0
Economic Development and Employment	84,508,584	8.3	461	7.1
Housing Development	18,326,585	1.8	158	2.4
Other Community and Economic Development	58,573,094	5.8	305	4.7
Total Community and Economic Development	174,416,004	17.2	965	14.8
EDUCATION				
Adult Education	7,154,056	0.7	28	0.4
Education Services	25,205,979	2.5	195	3.0
Elementary and Secondary Education	123,671,734	12.2	752	11.5
Graduate and Professional Education	35,310,045	3.5	140	2.1
Higher Education	200,757,971	19.8	779	11.9
Post-Secondary Student Services	2,200,821	0.2	25	0.4
Vocational Education	272,500	0.0	8	0.1
Other Education	84,688,960	8.3	308	4.7
Total Education	393,077,234	38.7	1,863	28.5
ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMALS				
Biodiversity	15,785,793	1.6	96	1.5
Domesticated Animals	580,305	0.1	14	0.2
Natural Resources	28,707,458	2.8	174	2.7
Other Environment and Animals	5,128,449	0.5	52	0.8
Total Environment and Animals	48,412,305	4.8	322	4.9
HEALTH				
In-Patient/Out-Patient Health Care	46,859,110	4.6	313	4.8
Medical Specialties	16,933,412	1.7	54	0.8
Mental Health	9,460,260	0.9	149	2.3
Public Health	16,118,287	1.6	142	2.2
Reproductive Health Care	4,775,873	0.5	42	0.6
Specified Diseases and Conditions	32,703,871	3.2	211	3.2
Other Health	47,841,025	4.7	292	4.5
Total Health	154,339,182	15.2	1,008	15.4
HUMAN RIGHTS	22,236,332	2.2	235	3.6
HUMAN SERVICES				
Emergency Assistance	29,132,505	2.9	123	1.9
Family Services	44,254,748	4.4	367	5.6
Housing Services and Residential Care	16,557,817	1.6	292	4.5
Youth Development	25,403,673	2.5	310	4.7
Other Human Services	79,463,718	7.8	769	11.8
Total Human Services	180,646,171	17.8	1,631	25.0
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS				
Communication Media	14,497,434	1.4	122	1.9
Journalism	1,813,000	0.2	13	0.2
Libraries	5,243,531	0.5	54	0.8
Media Access and Technology	5,752,121	0.6	57	0.9
Total Information and Communications	25,486,086	2.5	232	3.6
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	37,465,715	3.7	147	2.3
PHILANTHROPY AND NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT	91,217,342	9.0	263	4.0
PUBLIC AFFAIRS	24,068,571	2.4	154	2.4
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Abuse Prevention	2,766,584	0.3	47	0.7
Courts and Legal Services	15,657,596	1.5	173	2.7
Crime Prevention	6,660,577	0.7	57	0.9
Disasters and Emergency Management	3,781,350	0.4	32	0.5
Other Public Safety	8,151,993	0.8	92	1.4
Total Public Safety	34,485,100	3.4	383	5.9
RELIGION	26,917,069	2.7	215	3.3
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING	44,395,858	4.4	157	2.4
SOCIAL SCIENCES	19,221,437	1.9	102	1.6
SPORTS AND RECREATION	15,998,331	1.6	101	1.5
OTHER/UNKNOWN	8,653,060	0.9	122	1.9
TOTAL	1,014,860,745	100.0	6,527	100.0

Source: Giving in Illinois, 2016. Based on circa 2014 grants awarded by U.S. foundations in the sample to recipient organizations in Illinois. Includes all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 419 larger U.S. foundations, including 50 Illinois foundations.

grantmakers allocated the biggest shares of their funding for higher education, followed by elementary and secondary education. Amongst the largest education award reported in 2015 was an \$8.1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to the Chicago-based Associated Colleges of the Midwest to support faculty renewal and diversity, in collaboration with the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, a consortium of Big Ten Universities plus the University of Chicago.

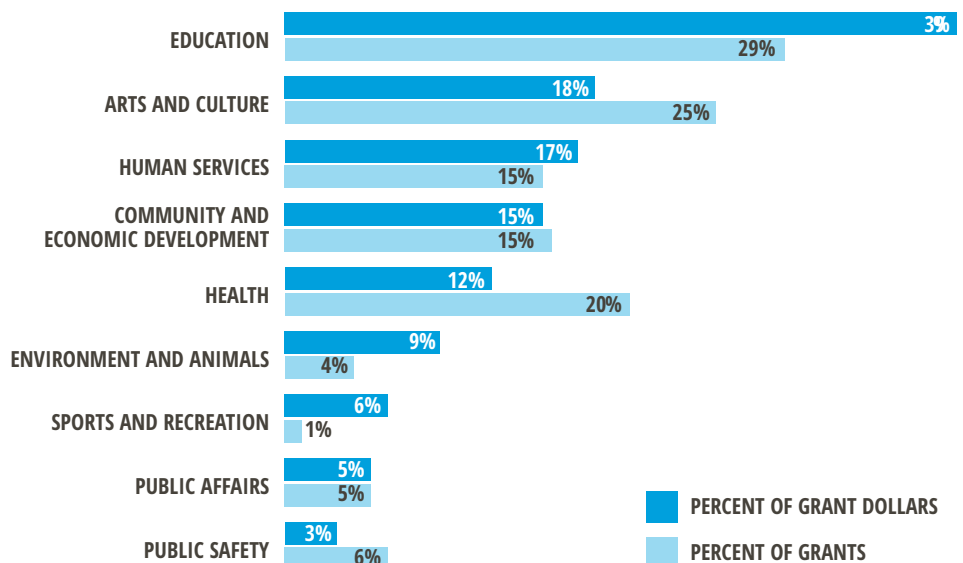
Despite the large share of grant dollars targeting education in 2015, a substantial share of the number of foundation grants awarded to Illinois recipients supported human services (25 percent). Human services grants tend to be smaller on average than in most other areas of foundation activity.

Finally, compared to U.S. foundation funding overall, Illinois recipients benefited from a notably larger share of funding for education in 2015 (38.7 percent versus 33.9 percent). In contrast, foundation giving in the state was notably less likely to fund health, the environment and animals, international relations, and public affairs.

Illinois higher education institutions and human services agencies benefit from largest share of foundation support

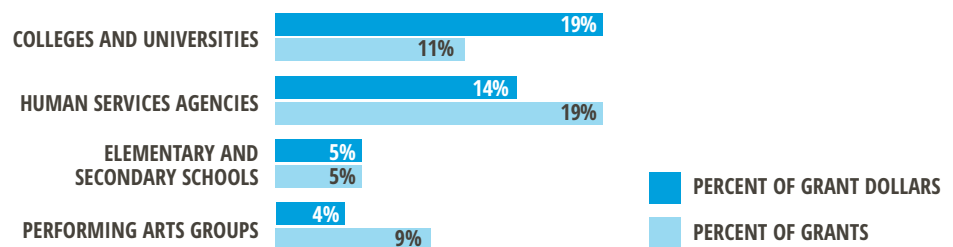
Roughly 19 percent of foundation grant dollars awarded in Illinois in 2015 funded higher education institutions, followed by human services agencies (14 percent). A majority of this giving targeted colleges and universities, which are home to research and other activities in fields ranging from the humanities to the sciences to the

Education, Health, and Environment and Animals Are Top Foundation Priorities in Illinois



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Higher Education Institutions and Human Services Agencies Are Top Priorities in Illinois



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arts. The University of Chicago led all Illinois educational recipients in 2015 with 209 grants totaling \$66.3 million. Elementary and secondary schools captured the third largest share of grant dollars (5.2 percent), followed by performing arts groups (3.9 percent).

Program support accounted for the largest share of funding in Illinois

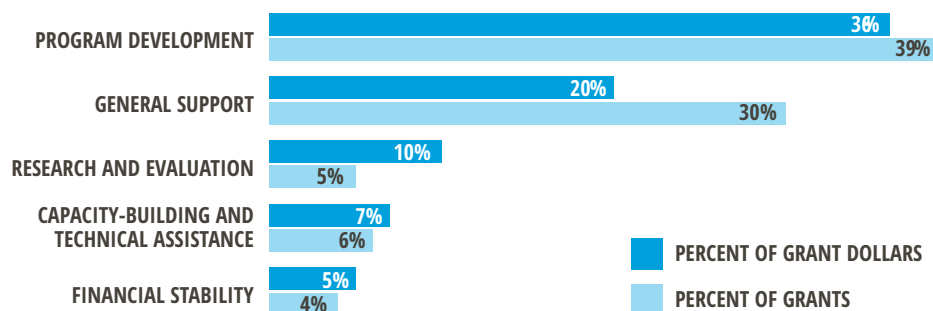
Similar to national trends, the largest share of foundation funding in

Illinois provided support for specific programs and projects. Program support accounted for 35.6 percent of overall grant dollars in 2015. General operating support accounted for the second largest share of funding—19.6 percent—larger than the 15.7 percent share reported nationally. Likewise, foundations provided a smaller share of giving for policy, advocacy, and systems reform projects in Illinois (4.7 percent) than was the case for overall U.S. foundation giving (9.7 percent).

Economically disadvantaged and children and youth most likely to benefit from designated funding among Illinois population groups

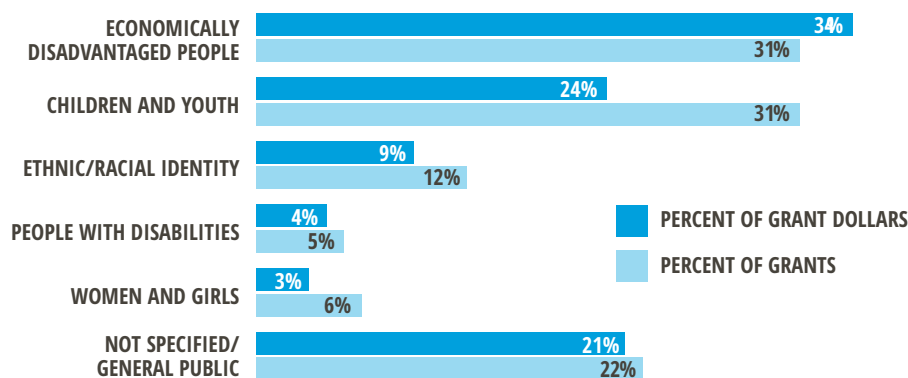
Four-quarters of 2015 grant dollars awarded in Illinois could be coded as providing an explicit benefit for at least one specific population group. (The balance of grants either lacked sufficient information to determine the funders' intent or were intended to benefit the general public.) Overall, just over one-third (33.8 percent) of foundation grants to Illinois recipients could be identified as providing a benefit for people who are economically disadvantaged, followed by children and youth (24 percent). Among the larger grants awarded for people who are economically disadvantaged was a \$3.3 million grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation to support Feeding American food banks and local partner agencies provide hunger relief to people in need of food assistance. Ethnic or racial minorities were the explicit focus of 8.9 percent of Illinois foundation grant dollars in 2015, just slightly higher than the (7.5percent) share reported nationally. Among the largest grants tracked in 2015 for the benefit of ethnic or racial minorities in Illinois a \$350,000 award by the Ford Foundation to Instituto del Progreso Latino in Chicago to support innovative training programs that improve immigrants' and non-native English speakers' access to career pathways and employment opportunities in the healthcare, manufacturing, and IT sectors.

Program and General Support Strategies Targeted by Foundations Giving in Illinois



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Low-income, Children, and Youth Most Likely to Benefit from Targeted Foundation Giving in Illinois



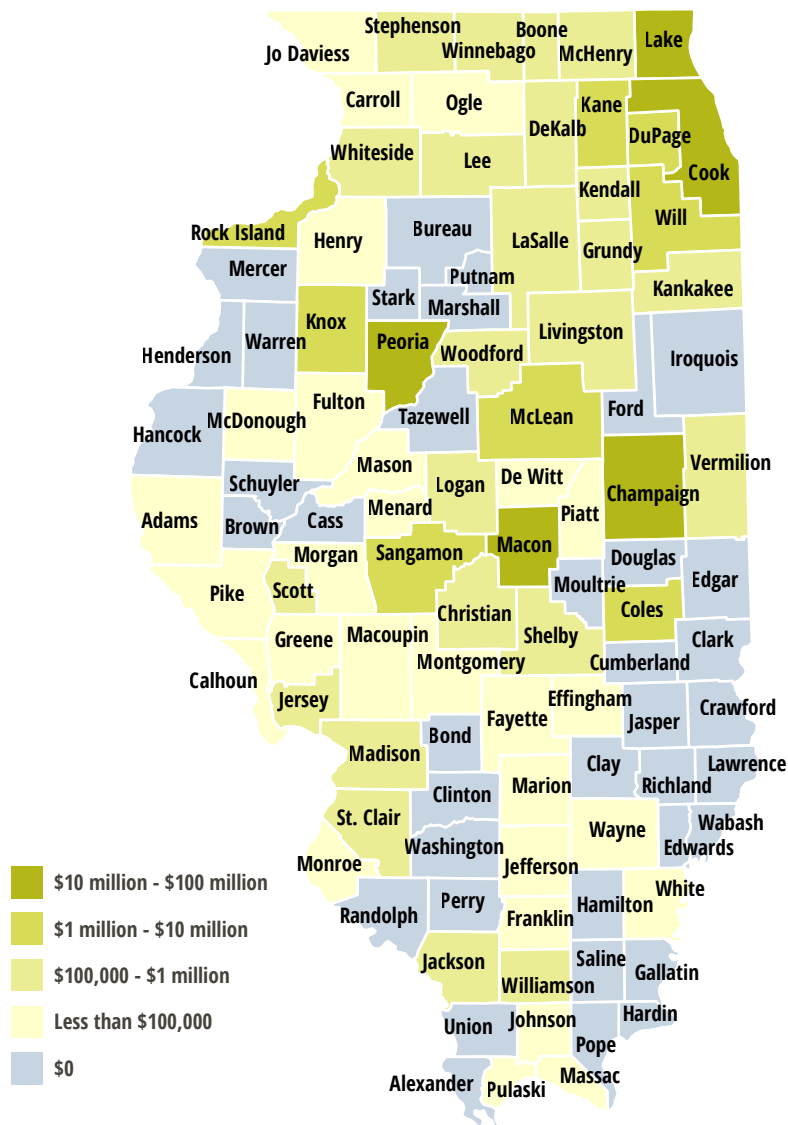
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Cook County garners largest share of foundation support

Given the concentration of educational, human services, arts, and other organizations in Chicago, it comes as no surprise that Cook County benefited from the single largest share of Illinois foundation funding in 2014. Overall, recipients in Cook County benefited from 82.9 percent of grant dollars

awarded to recipients in the state and 86.1 percent of the number of grants. Following Cook County was Lake County (185 grants totaling \$57.5 million), followed by Champaign County (96 grants totaling \$38 million). Foundations also provided substantial resources to other regions of the state, with an additional 10 counties reporting foundation grants totaling \$1 million or more in 2015.

Foundation Giving to Illinois Recipients by County, 2015



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About the Grants Set

This analysis is based on the Foundation Center's 2014 grants set, which includes all of the grants of \$10,000 or more reported by the top 1,000 U.S. independent, corporate, community, and grantmaking operating foundations by total giving. For community foundations, the set includes only discretionary grants and donor-advised grants (when provided by the funder). The set also excludes grants to individuals.

This set accounts for approximately half of giving by all of the nearly 86,000 active U.S. grantmaking foundations. Included in the set are 55 Illinois foundations with giving totaling \$895.6 million, of which 50 made grants to recipients in Illinois in 2014. Grant amounts may represent the full authorized amount of the grant or the amount paid in that year, depending upon the information made available by each foundation.

Grant records included in the set were reported to the Center between November 2014 and December 2015. Some foundations are represented with 2014 grants data and a the rest with 2013 grants data, if more current data was not available in time for inclusion in the set. This data set is preliminary. A final version of this analysis will be released later this year and will include 2014 data for additional foundations.

The Outlook for Foundation Giving

Giving by U.S. foundations grew just over 3 percent in 2016 according to Foundation Center, lower than the 4.5 percent growth reported the previous year. While comparable estimates are not available at the state level, the median increase in giving reported by the Illinois respondents to Foundation Center's annual "Foundation Giving Forecast Survey" was less than 1 percent.

Overall giving by the nation's private and community foundations reached \$64.8 billion in 2016, surpassing previous record levels even after adjusting for inflation. Some factors contributing to the rise in funding was a 4 percent overall growth in foundation assets in the prior year. Independent foundations, including family foundations, account for the vast majority of foundation giving each year. Overall their giving was up an estimated 2.3 percent in 2016.

Community foundations increased their giving by an estimated 10 percent in 2016. Sixty-one percent of community foundations responding to the Center's forecasting survey reported having increased their giving that year. Community foundations benefited from an increase of roughly 5 percent in their assets in 2015 although they reported a decrease in gifts received. Among community foundations, the largest foundations reported faster growth while smaller community foundations reported more modest growth for 2016.

Estimated corporate foundation giving was flat in 2016, following an increase in giving the prior year. Despite a relatively robust 8 percent growth in new gifts into corporate foundations in 2015, assets were up just under 3 percent. Less than two-fifths (37 percent) of the corporate foundations responding to the Center's survey reported having increased their giving in 2016.

Looking ahead, Foundation Center projects that U.S. foundations overall will continue to benefit from healthy growth in the economy and stock market. As a result, their giving will continue to increase well ahead of inflation.



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